SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM August 23, 2011 Minutes

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Robin Butler opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and introductions were made by attendees.

Robin requested review and approval of the June 28th minutes. Colleen Jarrell made motion to approve the minutes, and Ronnie Gregory seconded.

Old Business:

After a brief discussion regarding the THI/Citation review, a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 30th at 2:00 p.m. at Lake Mary Police Department. Robin advised anyone interested in being on the subcommittee should attend.

Red Light Running Enforcement Op discussion was tabled.

Robin advised that there is an opportunity for school zone improvements in this area through Safe Kids Worldwide's partnership with Fed Ex. Fed Ex is donating approximately \$150,000 for ten locations in the nation. There is \$15,500 available per area and everyone agreed it should be utilized for infrastructure. It is an 18 month project and the Grant has to be submitted by September 1st. Robin feels that this area meets criteria, we stand a good chance for being selected and decision should be made this week. Robin requested everyone submit schools in their area that would benefit. Some mentioned that may be possible candidates were English Estates, Rainbow Elementary and Haggerty/Carrilon. Funding could be matched or could possibly be utilized for several locations.

It was mentioned that most recommendations appear to stop with the principal and Robin indicated that the RSA reports for Rainbow and English Estates could be forwarded to the School Board or we could request to be placed on the agenda. Cheryl suggested the possibility of pre planning meetings with the School Board to prevent retrofits after the fact. Joe mentioned that Tony is trying to approve all Safe Routes to School projects. Mike provided a listing of schools and estimated bikers/pedestrians over 75 as follows: Lawton Elementary and Crystal Lake (75), Casselberry Elementary (340), Keith Elementary (150), Lake Mary (110), Rainbow Elementary (100), Partin Elementary (100), English Estates (160). JoJo mentioned that Spring Lake had over 250 kids crossing at one crossing and Mike indicated this list was only of those schools that responded.

New Business:

National CPS Week is September 19th – 24th. Currently, there is an event scheduled at David Maus Chevrolet on September 19th, 2 -4 pm. Event on September 24th has been cancelled due to Babies R Us no longer being in partnership with Safe Kids in the sense of allowing us to have check up events in their parking lot. Robin indicated she is attempting to coordinate an event with the City of Sanford for a Public Safety Day from 3 – 7 pm on September 19th at the Sanford Public Safety Bldg. on 13th Street. There is a large number of child restraints from the \$2 difference program that can be utilized for this event. These restraints can't be sold; however, we can request a donation of \$5 for education. Kelly questioned whether the criteria could include grandparents who care for children and Robin indicated the resources are not available; however, there are 11 locations in the county who do a monthly seat inspection. Robin indicated she would like to have fingerprinting and ID for kids, face painting, smoke alarms, etc. John indicated he could contact Sanford Rotary regarding hot dogs, etc. John and Robin will confer later to discuss event and coordinate.

Traffic Fatalities:

Mike indicated there were no fatalities other than the one on Monroe Road for which he did not have paperwork for at this time. Robert Asbill noted the fatality was a man on a bicycle with lights and the man who owns the truck that came forward will not talk at this point. This brings the total fatalities to 22

Roadway Safety Assessment Team:

There was a discussion regarding the Country Club school zone and Robin requested a review of the sidewalks.

Problems and Solutions:

Ronald Reagan/Bay Ave. – Shad indicated he would discuss with Steve.

Rangeline/Devonshire – The RSA Team reviewed and did not recommend the flashing red at this location.

EB SR 434/SR 417 – FDOT is reviewing.

SR 46/Yankee Lake – Larry had indicated possibility of "Trucks Entering Roadway" sign placement at previous meeting.

Drainage ditch/culverton I-4 near 17-92 – It was indicated that there has only been one incident in past 4 years at this location.

SR 46 east of Mellonville – has been forwarded to FDOT.

John Gregory noted that on I-4, from the mall to SR 434, there are no turn around areas for law enforcement/rescue which reduces response time tremendously. After discussion, Joe indicated he would follow up on this issue with appropriate personnel.

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Jim McKenna noted problem with water standing on SR 434 at RR tracks and Robin requested this be submitted under Problems and Solutions.

Mike indicated that signs have been installed at International Parkway/Publix and Colleen mentioned that reflective sleeve was to also be placed. Robin requested Mike have sign shop take care of reflective sleeve.

Jim McKenna mentioned the grass diamond island at Warren Avenue and St. Laurent behind Wendys. There is an issue with the "do not enter" sign and travelers going up wrong side of road. Robin requested this also be submitted under Problems and Solutions for RSA Team review.

Announcements:

Labor Day Operation on September 2nd – Kelly with Oviedo PD distributed the ops plan and policies and noted that briefing will be on September 2nd at 2100 hours with op beginning at 2200 hours. Kelly requested any agency that plans on participating e-mail her at khedum@cityofoviedo.net by Friday.

September 12 - 15: CPS Technician Certification Class at Seminole County FD Training Center. Local user fee of \$150 is waived for our participants and is an open class. Robin also indicated she will do a one day renewal class for anyone who qualifies. Those interested should contact Robin.

September 14: Safe Kids meeting at 1:30 p.m.

September 20: Safety Zone at Partin Elementary, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. JoJo advised that she went to the principals meeting to review the three programs (safe crossing, safety zone, and walking school bus) and they have received good response back. Principal from Bentley indicated all other attempts failed to slow motorists down as well as the safety zone did. Multiple schools are interested in the walking school bus. Robin requested JoJo submit a quarterly report advising of schools/kids/etc.

October 3 – 7: School Zone Safety Awareness Operation – JoJo would be good resource for this event.

Shad indicated the following safe routes projects are slated to begin construction: Wilson Road, Altamonte Elementary, Walker Elementary and Eastbrook.

JoJo indicated that the first week of school was outstanding and gave kudo's to law enforcement for their coverage.

Joe mentioned the ITS World Conference will be October 18-19th at the Convention Center. Joe will forward information to Robin for disbursement.

Cheryl advised that the NHTSA has an event planner located at http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/planners/crackdown2011/index.cfm that includes press releases, fact sheets, media content, graphics, posters, etc.

Cheryl also advised that Trooper out of Troop D was recommended for Traffic Officer of the Year for Casselberry at the Law Enforcement Challenge. City of Oviedo was one of the top motor agencies in the state and Marion County was CTST of the Year.

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There was a brief discussion regarding the utilization of the pedestrian bridge at Red Bug.

Shad noted the Red Bug and SR 436 should begin construction before next meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the tunnel and it was indicated it is supposed to be completed in September.

There being no further discussion, meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at Lake Mary Police Department, 8:30 a.m.